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Chapter 1 by Nikolai

For engaged readers, a book is a whole world and literature a vast, complex and beautiful universe of possibility. For Bethany, literature is a real place, one she can literally enter and one into which her father has disappeared. For Owen, the world he lives in is boring and he longs for adventures as exciting as those he reads about in the Kiel Gnomesfoot books. Owen believes that because the books are fictional, those adventures can't possibly be real. That is, until he sees Bethany physically go into a book, leaving our "real" world behind. And so begins *STORY THIEVES* by James Riley, the first in a series where readers will be delighted to meet characters who can make the fictional real by moving into the worlds contained in books.

While Owen has been spending his time being bored by fractions in Mr. Barberry's math class and waiting for the latest (and last!) Kiel Gnomesfoot book to be published, Bethany has been frantically searching the fictional worlds in books looking for her long-lost and fictional father. Owen promises to keep Bethany's secret, not in exchange for the ever-lasting gobstopper she nicks from Willy Wonka's candy factory, but in exchange for a chance to visit the world created by author Jonathan Porterhouse, the world inhabited by Kiel Gnomesfoot.

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